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1200 West Washington Street

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Attention: Ms. Kimberly Battista

Re: Self-certification Letter – Arizona Corporation Commission – Decision #65866  
Docket Control #L-00000V-02-0119

Dear Ms. Battista:

This Self-certification Letter refers to the above Decision Number for the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") for Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC's project in Gila Bend, AZ. The power generation station and site referred to in the CEC Decision has been delayed due to market conditions. The activities relating to the initial conditions established by the CEC document are as follows and reference numbers correspond to the conditions as numbered in the CEC:

1. The authorization for the construction of the power generation station shall expire five (5) years from the date this Certificate of Environmental Compatibility is approved by the Commission, unless construction is completed to the point that a 500kV transmission line is capable of operating by that time; provided, however, that prior to such expiration Applicant may request that the Commission extend this time limitation.
2. A copy of any transmission agreements will be forwarded to the Arizona Corporation Commission as soon as the documents are completed and signed.
3. The planning and siting for the transmission line and related switchyard will be consistent with the visual resource and cultural resource analyses and shall match structure spans and structure type with the existing Palo Verde-Kyrene line unless site-specific conditions require a structure to be moved.
4. The planning and siting for the Project will encompass:
  - a. Use of dulled steel structures and non-specular and dulled;
  - b. Placing all transmission structures a minimum of 100 feet from the edge of existing natural gas pipelines rights-of-way;
  - c. Locating its Transmission Line in accordance with the legal description (the "Alignment"). If and when Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC begins construction, another line is constructed or is under construction in the Alignment (the "New Line"), then Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall locate its Transmission Line 130 feet west and south of the New Line;

- d. Surveying for southwestern willow flycatchers prior to construction, and providing Mitigation measures according to state and federal guidelines. If necessary, additional cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl surveys will be conducted in the appropriate season prior to construction;
  - e. Re-vegetation and restoration programs in areas of construction disturbance;
  - f. Constructing structures to conform to "Suggested Practices for Raptor Protection on Power Lines;"
  - g. Completing biological inventory has been completed;
  - h. Use of existing accesses;
  - i. Instructing contractor on the protection of cultural and ecological resources; and
  - j. Covering and Securing construction holes left open at night.
5. Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that such transmission line will be timely constructed in accordance with the needs of the integrated transmission grid.
  6. Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC is in compliance with all existing applicable air and water pollution control standards and regulations, and with all existing applicable ordinances, master plans and regulations of the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, Arizona, the United States and any other governmental entities having jurisdiction.
  7. Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall comply with Arizona's Native Plant Law and notify the Arizona Department of Agriculture no later than 60 days prior to the start of construction.
  8. Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall continue to consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to reach a determination of any cultural resource Impacts. Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall implement any impact avoidance and mitigation measures for cultural resources developed in consultation with the BLM and the SHPO on land under BLM's jurisdiction and with ASLD on land under ASLD's jurisdiction. Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall also work with BLM to ensure that BLM consults with the Hopi Tribe as requested in the Hopi Tribe's letter of June 6, 2002.
  9. Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall avoid or minimize impacts to properties considered eligible for inclusion in the State and National Register of Historic Places to the extent possible. If human remains and/or funerary objects are encountered during the course of any ground disturbing activities relating to the development of the subject property, Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall cease work on the affected area of the Project and notify the Director of the Arizona State Museum or the BLM.

10. In consultation with SHPO and any applicable land-managing agency, Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall consider and assess potential direct and indirect impacts to eligible properties related to new access roads or any existing access roads that require blading.
11. Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall make every reasonable effort to identify and correct, on a case-specific basis, all complaints of interference with radio or television signals from operation of the line and related facilities, in addition to any transmission repairs, the relevant corrective actions may include adjusting or modifying receivers; adjusting, repairing, replacing or adding antennas, antenna signal amplifiers, filters, or lead-in cables; or other corrective actions.
12. Gila Bend Power Partners, LLC shall, within 45 days of securing easement of right-of-way for the Project, erect and maintain signs providing public notice that the property is the site of future transmission line.

The items of the CEC conditions not addressed in the above Self-certification Letter are part of the overall project plan, and will be included in the plan as required by the CEC document.

Regards,

GILA BEND POWER PARTNERS, LLC

By: Sammons Power Development, Inc.,  
Its Managing Member

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Heather Kreager, Vice President

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